



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, mentors inspire young people, help them thrive and serve as role models; and

**WHEREAS**, students who meet regularly with their mentors are less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and more likely to enroll in college; and

**WHEREAS**, youths who meet regularly with their mentors are less likely than their peers to start drinking and using drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, almost half of today's young adults report having had a mentor in their youth and those rates have been rising steadily over the past several decades; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring programs like Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawai'i promote healthy relationships and communication; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring programs promote positive self-esteem and growth of a young person which make our communities and our state stronger; and

**WHEREAS**, many adults believe it is important for young people to have mentors and many are willing to consider becoming a mentor; and

**WHEREAS**, National Mentoring Month is the time to engage our community members interested in becoming a mentor and to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring in communities across the country;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 2020 as**

## **"MENTORING MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the contributions of mentors and honoring these individuals who encourage our youth to work toward their fullest potential in their lives and careers.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of January 2020.

  
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**JOSHUA B. GREEN**  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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**DAVID Y. IGE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i